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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An adhesive composition comprising:

a blend functionalized with a functional group,

wherein the blend comprises:

a C3 to C40 olefin polymer and,

at least one additive,

wherein the C3 to C40 olefin polymer comprises at least 50 mol% of one or more C3 to C40 olefins and where the olefin polymer, prior to functionalization, has:

- a Dot T-Peel of 1 Newton or more on Kraft paper; a)
- b) an Mw of 10,000 to 100,000; and
- a branching index (g') of 0.98 or less measured at the Mz of the polymer c) when the polymer has an Mw of 10,000 to 60,000, or
- d) a branching index (g') of 0.95 or less measured at the Mz of the polymer when the polymer has an Mw of 10,000 to 100,000.
- (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, 2. the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has:
 - a Dot T-Peel of 1 Newton or more on Kraft paper; a)
 - a branching index (g') of 0.98 or less measured at the Mz of the polymer; b)
 - a Mw of 10,000 to 60,000; and c)
 - a heat of fusion of 1 to 50 J/g. d)
- 3. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer is a homopolypropylene or a copolymer of propylene and up to 5 mole% ethylene having:
 - an isotactic run length of 1 to 30, a)
 - a percent of r dyad of greater than 20%, and b)
 - a heat of fusion of between 1 and 70 J/g. c)

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4. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer comprises propylene and less than 15 mole % of ethylene.

- 5. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a melt viscosity of 7000 Pa•sec or less at 190°C.
- 6. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a melt viscosity of 5000 mPa•sec or less at 190°C.
- 7. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a melt viscosity of between 250 and 6000 mPa•sec at 190°C.
- 8. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a melt viscosity of between 500 and 3000 mPa•sec at 190°C.
- 9. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a Tg of 0°C or less.
- 10. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a Tg of -10°C or less.
- 11. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an Mw of 10,000 to 75,000 and a branching index of 0.6 or less.
- 12. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an Mw of 10,000 to 50,000 and a branching index of 0.7 or less.
- 13. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an Mw of 10,000 to 30,000 and a branching index of 0.98 or less.
- 14. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a branching index (g') of 0.90 or less measured at the Mz of the polymer.

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- 15. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the SEC graph of the C3 to C40 olefin polymer is bi- or multi-modal.
- 16. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an amorphous content of at least 50%.
- 17. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has:
 - a) a peak melting point between 60 and 190°C;
 - b) a heat of fusion of 0 to 70 J/g; and
 - c) a melt viscosity of 8000 mPa•sec or less at 190°C.
- 18. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has:
 - a) a Tg of -10°C or less;
 - b) a melt viscosity between 2000 and 6000 mPa•sec;
 - c) a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) of at least 5; and
 - d) a bi- or multi-modal SEC graph of the polymer.
- 19. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a crystallinity of at least 5%.
- 20. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has 20 wt% or more of hexane room temperature soluble fraction and 50 wt % or less of Soxhlet heptane insolubles.
- 21. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer comprises less than 3.0 mole % ethylene.
- 22. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer comprises less than 1.0 mole % ethylene.
- 23. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an Mz/Mn of 2 to 200.

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- 24. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an Mz of 15,000 to 500,000.
- 25. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a SAFT of 50 to 150°C.
- 26. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has a Shore A hardness of 95 or less.
- 27. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the C3 to C40 olefin polymer has an Mw/Mn of 2 to 75.
- 28. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the at least one additive includes a tackifier, a filler, an antioxidant, an adjuvant, an adhesion promoter, an oil, a plasticizer, a block, an antiblock, a pigment, a processing aid, a UV stabilizer, a neutralizer, a lubricant, a surfactant, a nucleating agent, a coupling agent, a color master batch, a polymer having a Mn below 5000, a functionalized wax, a polar wax, a non-polar wax, a polypropylene wax, a polyethylene wax, a wax modifier, an elastomer, an impact copolymer, an ester polymer, a crosslinking agent, a hydrocarbon resin, a diolefin, or a combination thereof.
- 29. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 28, wherein prior to functionalization, the blend comprises about 0.1 to about 50 wt% of the at least one additive.
- 30. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 29 wherein the additive comprises one or more tackifiers.
- 31. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 30 wherein the tackifier is present at 5 to 50 weight %.
- 32. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the blend further comprises an olefin homopolymer that is not functionalized.
- 33. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein prior to blend functionalization, the blend further comprises an olefin copolymer that is not functionalized.
- 34 (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, having a set time of 5 seconds or less.

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35. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the unsaturated compound units are present within the functionalized blend at from 0.1 to 50 wt%.

- 36. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the blend is functionalized with a functional group utilizing radical copolymerization, and wherein the unsaturated compound is an unsaturated carboxylic acids, an ester of the unsaturated carboxylic acids, an acid anhydrides, a di-ester, a salt of an unsaturated carboxylic acid, an unsaturated amide, an unsaturated imide, an aromatic vinyl compound, a hydrolyzable unsaturated silane compound, an unsaturated halogenated hydrocarbon, or a combination thereof.
- 37. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the blend is functionalized with a functional group utilizing radical copolymerization, and wherein the unsaturated compound is maleic anhydride, citraconic anhydride, 2-methyl maleic anhydride, 2-chloromaleic anhydride, 2,3-dimethylmaleic anhydride, bicyclo[2,2,1]-5-heptene-2,3-dicarboxylic anhydride, 4-methyl-4-cyclohexene-1,2-dicarboxylic anhydride, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, itaconic acid, citraconic acid, mesaconic acid, crotonic acid, bicyclo(2.2.2)oct-5-ene-2,3dicarboxylic acid anhydride, 1,2,3,4,5,&g, lo-octahydronaphthalene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid anhydride, 2-oxa-1,3-diketospiro(4.4)non-7-ene, bicyclo(2.2.1)hept- 5-ene-2,3- dicarboxylic acid anhydride, maleopimaric acid, tetrahydrophtalic anhydride, norborn-5-ene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid anhydride, nadic anhydride, methyl nadic anhydride, himic anhydride, methyl himic anhydride, x-methyl-bicyclo(2.2.1)hept-5-ene-2,3- dicarboxylic acid anhydride (XMNA), methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate, vinyltrichlorosilane, vinyltris(beta-methoxyethoxy)silane, vinyltriethoxysilane, vinyltrimethoxysilane, gamma-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane monovinylsilane, monoallylsilane, vinyl chloride, vinylidene chloride, or a combination thereof.
- 38. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the blend is functionalized with a functional group utilizing radical copolymerization, a peroxide, and wherein the unsaturated compound is maleic anhydride.
- 39. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the blend is functionalized with a functional group utilizing a solvent based functionalization process.

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- 40. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the blend is functionalized with a functional group utilizing a melt based functionalization process without solvent.
- 41. (Original) The adhesive composition of claim 1, wherein the blend is functionalized using selective oxidation, ozonolysis, epoxidation, or a combination thereof.
- 42. (Original) A process of making the adhesive composition of claim 1, comprising providing the blend, and functionalizing the blend with a functional group.
- 43. (Original) The process of claim 42, wherein the blend comprises a tackifier, and the unsaturated compound is maleic anhydride.
- 44. (Original) The adhesive of claim 1 wherein the unsaturated compound is maleic anhydride.
- 45. (Canceled)
- 46. (Canceled)
- 47. (Canceled)